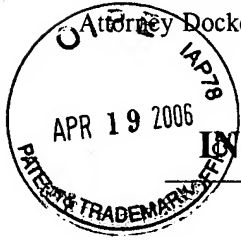


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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of February 8, 2006 and the Advisory Action of March 22, 2006, please amend without prejudice the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: none.

Amendments to the Drawings: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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